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PREFACE.

THE use of musical services in parish churches having now become very general, the object of this work is to supply in a convenient and inexpensive form all the music needed for a plain Choral Service, drawn not only from the works of the older composers, but also from the many admirable compositions with which the leading organists of the present day are continually enriching the stores of English Church Music.

It is especially designed to promote congregational singing, all music which is too elaborate in character, or too high in pitch, being excluded. The smaller edition has been made as portable as possible, with a view to its use by congregations as well as choirs.

In some important particulars, the selection is based on recommendations made by the Lord Bishop of Wakefield in his *Notes on the Church Service*; and hearty acknowledgment must be made of his Lordship's kindness in permitting a summary of these weighty counsels to be printed at the commencement of the present work.

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SOME NOTES

ON THE CHURCH SERVICE

BY THE LORD BISHOP OF WAKEFIELD.

Selected, by permission,
From his small book, 'Notes on the Church Service' (London: Wells Gardner & Co.).

- I. The Vestry Prayer.—'It is a solemnising act for clergy and choir to join together in a brief preparatory prayer before entering the church, if the prayer be solemnly and reverently said. If, as is usual, the clergyman takes some note in the vestry, let the choir follow it, and if it is a low note, so much the better; let the Amen in the vestry be somewhat subdued in volume of sound. Let the first choral act be one marked by quiet reverence.'
- 2. Intoning.—'The monotone, if not too rapid, and if distinct, simple, and reverent, has its advantages. It prevents peculiarities of manner and diction, and allows the words to depend more upon their chaste and beautiful rhythm than upon the particular emphasis or expression which a reader may choose to throw into them. Let the reader, however, beware of anything beyond simple reading on one note. I have heard some clergy while intoning prolong the last syllable of each clause in a way the reverse of devotional. Moreover, I am inclined to think that, except where full choral service is used, we have made a mistake in intoning and responding on G. Whatever it may be for the choir, it is too high for the congregation; and I believe our services would be much improved in reverence and helpfulness to devotion, as well as being more congregational, if F were more widely adopted as the note of the service. Responding, as far as the congregation is concerned, is discouraged and repressed by the adoption of a high note. I need hardly say that the not infrequent Yorkshire practice of taking the service on A is very trying, and very uncongregational.'
- 3. The Sentences.—'The thoughtful clergyman will take care to select the sentence with which he opens the service, so as when possible to be appropriate to the day or the season. We have too few opportunities of marking the special season; but by using Sentence 8 during Advent, Sentence 2, 3, 4, or 5 during Lent and on all Fast Days, and Sentence 6 on Festivals, we may give a touch of appropriateness to our opening words.'

- 4. The General Confession.—'Our service begins with an act of humiliation. Let us take care not to treat this portion as if it were an act of jubilant praise. I am sure it would be most helpful and instructive if the Confession were never taken on a higher note than E, and always said as softly and penitentially as possible. It should be a strict rule never to play the Amen at the end of any portion of the service said by the choir and people with the Minister, unless indeed where the organ has been played in soft chords all through, so as to ensure the pitch being kept up.'
- 5. The Lord's Prayer.—'It is very common in a musical service for the choir and people not to begin to respond till after the Our Father in the Lord's Prayer, and I believe in the Creed. I venture to suggest that these are the very words which every one would most wish to say, and I have known good Churchmen feel very strongly the privation of not saying these words. I have been told it is a custom adopted for the sake of the responding beginning simultaneously, but I have for years watched as to this point, and I have failed to detect any such advantage.'
- 6. Praise.—'After confessing our sins we "dispose ourselves to Psalmody and Praise." Does it always sound as if we were so doing when the reader, in a choral service, drops to C as he strikes the first tone of praise in the words, O Lord, open Thou our lips. I confess to me this descent to a low note, however musically defensible, often sounds more penitential than triumphant, and I always prefer the words taken on G, as more in consonance with their meaning. I think it best that the organ should not give any note, nor of course play any Amen up to this point, and that then the note given should be G rather than C.'
- 7. The Canticles.—'With the exception of some few very simple modern "Services," I confess that the elaborate "Service," however musically excellent, is a pain and grief to me. First of all, I am astonished at the inexpressiveness of most "Services." Even those of the best composers are singularly deficient in giving the due expression to the words of the Canticles. And secondly, I am always conscious that the performance is a weary and unintelligible mystery to a considerable portion of the congregation. Let us have simple and easy chants which the people can join in. Then comes the question of single and double chants. I plead for the sparing use of the latter. I have heard the Te Deum sung straight through to a double chant. The singing and playing may have been excellent, but the Te Deum was murdered. A double chant to this Canticle serves only to destroy the sense, and ruin the exquisite interchange of thought and feeling. Its whole construction seems to say, "Sing me to anything but a double chant." The Magnificat is very painful to a double chant, which

should never be used for it. The Nunc Dimittis should be sung very softly and feelingly.'

- 8. The Communion Office.—'I have found it far from uncommon for the organ and choir to take the Communion Office on a lower note than the Morning Prayer. This gives it a semi-penitential tone which is undesirable. If any change of tone is made it should be in the direction of jubilance and dignity. I am aware that very often the practice I am alluding to is explained by the fact that the Kyrie after the Commandments is in some lower key. I venture, however, to think that the Kyrie, which is of course penitential, ought not to impose its character on the rest of a Eucharistic Service. It seems to me better that the Lord's Prayer and Collect for Purity should be taken on G, the reader lowering his note for the Commandments, if he monotones them at all, to the key-note of the Kyrie, which might be given him, and rising again to the G immediately afterwards. I think it would be instructive if not only the Confession but also the Prayer of Humble Access were taken on quite a low note, thus marking this distinctly penitential part of the service. I would say a word as to the treatment of the Kyrie. Am I wrong in thinking many musical settings of this most solemn and penitential prayer far too light and pretty? I do not know any part of our musical service in which there seems to me so wide a divergence in very many cases between the expression and the words to be expressed. Surely the Kyrie should always be very solemn, very reverent, and very softly and devotionally sung.'
- 9. Anthems.—'I would utter a word of protest against the too frequent use of anthems in parish churches. I continually hear them complained of. The people, especially the less educated, cannot follow the words, and would generally infinitely prefer a good hymn in which they could join. When an anthem is used, let it be simple and easy to follow, and let the words be very distinctly read out beforehand. The practice of singing what has not been given out is often very painful. Our services are not for the initiated, and I have myself been at times wholly at a loss to know what was being sung, when no notice of the words had been given.'
- 10. Amen.—'When the clergyman intones, it is exceedingly painful to hear the organ play the Amen on a different note, whether higher or lower. If the organist plays the Amen on the clergyman's note, well and good. But if he has not got the note, or cannot get it by feeling for it, it is much better to let the choir follow with the Amen unaccompanied. It should be an invariable rule with organists never to play the Amen unless on the note of the preceding prayer or blessing, if this is taken upon a note at all.'

MUSICAL! NOTES

BY THE EDITOR.

THE following brief notes are not, of course, intended for scientific musicians; but may possibly be of use to those kind helpers in country parishes who devote to the service of the Church such musical skill as it has been in their power to acquire, and earnestly desire to do so to the best advantage.

Expression in Chanting.—In the settings of the Canticles and the Psalter the chants have been carefully chosen as expressive of the words. I would make an earnest appeal to organists and choirmasters not lightly to deviate from the settings here given. No one who has not attempted, in a serious way, to produce such settings can imagine the difficulty of the task. The sequence of keys in successive chants, and the avoidance of false progressions, require some pains in selection; and when in addition it is determined to admit only chants which are suitable to all the verses to which they are set, the labour and thought required are great indeed. Such a selection cannot be hastily made with any chance of success. It must be remembered also that for this task some knowledge of harmony is indispensable, and that the mere repetition of the second part of a double chant may sometimes involve a painful breach of its laws. It is perhaps scarcely necessary to add that the two settings of the Psalms here given should not be mixed. A chant from one could seldom be substituted satisfactorily for a chant in the other.

There is a tendency in the present day to chant at too rapid a pace. The Archbishop of Canterbury said in his Primary Charge: 'It is my lot to hear from time to time a voluble, vociferous kind of "chanting" which, in extraordinary contrast to the true chant, leaves with me even less impression of the power of the Psalm or Canticle than simple reading would; nay, leaves me confused and disheartened. The power of *feeling* delicately, tenderly, devoutly, is not confined to place or rank. It may be elicited, it may be refined by a kindly and devout pastor, and speak to us from a rustic choir.'

It is entirely a mistake to suppose that such voluble chanting can give animation to the service. Nothing but true expression of the words can do that in any real sense. If the organist would avoid monotony, he must carefully consider the tone and character of each Psalm, and seek to make his playing express it. There are many chants which admit of a great variety of expression; and two or more Psalms, even when sung to the same chant, may each have its appropriate expression if the time and manner of playing are thoughtfully varied. This is especially necessary in the latter verses of the *Te Deum*, the tone of which changes frequently.

It is also a great mistake to chant two or three Psalms and the Gloria to each without a moment's pause, as if the whole were one composition. If the Gloria is played in slower time than the Psalm, it does much to check this mechanical volubility, and the effect is extremely striking. It should be remembered that the less trained the choir, and the less educated the congregation, the greater is the difficulty of rapid singing. The boys cannot articulate the words, and the people cannot join in.

Reciting.—The chief use of intoning is missed if the voices do not keep most accurately together; but when all recite as with one voice, nothing can be more impressive. To keep the pitch is very important, but to keep the time is not less so. No pains should be spared to secure a perfectly clear and even articulation, every word being recited by every member of the choir precisely at the same moment. 'It is upon a distinct enunciation of the small words,' says the Rev. C. F. Hylton Stewart, 'that a reverent saying of the Confession (in particular) depends.' The Priest must, of course, recite with the choir, not a few words in advance, which can produce nothing but confusion.

The organist should give the reciting note for the *Commandments*, which should have relation to the key of the *Kyrie*. If this is in F, G, or A, the key-note may be used for reciting. For the keys of Eb and Bb the best notes will be G and F.

Choir and Congregation.—I venture to make another quotation from the same Charge of the Archbishop of Canterbury: 'There are churches whose due ritual aspect is perfectly maintained, yet in which, by good arrangement, the power of cultivated female voices is not wasted—voices which, through the mere feeling and experience of life, lend a meaning to the music that the purest boy-voices cannot bring—and that without the least visible prominence, much less display. Where the structure of a church admits this, such loss in the public worship of places where every help is wanted seems more than careless.'—(The Seven Gifts. By Archbishop Benson, pp. 161, 162.)

The Bishop of Wakefield recommends an experiment which has been tried with some success, with a view to promoting congregational singing. The choir and congregation chant the Canticles and Psalms antiphonally, the choir taking the odd verses, and the congregation the even.

One advantage of this system is, that when the singing of the choir is really good, it is not rendered inaudible by the voices of the congregation, and the congregation are not deterred by the fear of such a result from taking their own part in the service. Where this system is adopted, a body of men's voices singing in unison would be of great help in leading the congregation, in addition to the choir of female voices recommended by the Archbishop. At the Church Congress of 1891, a Psalm was chanted with changes from harmony to unison, sung alternately by soprano and male voices.

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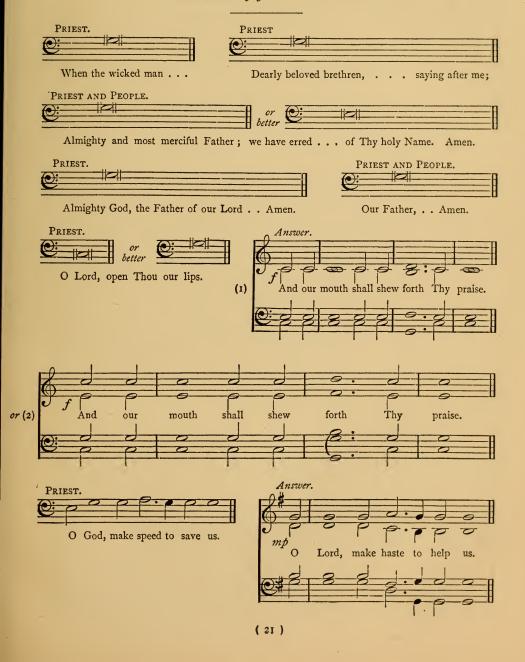
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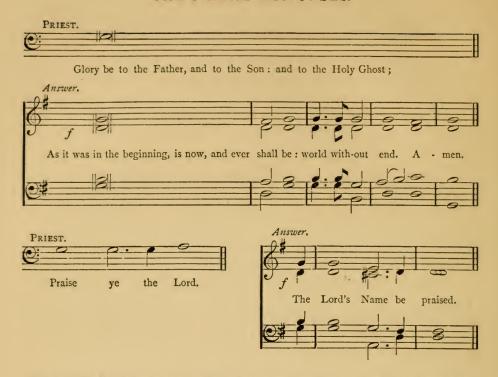


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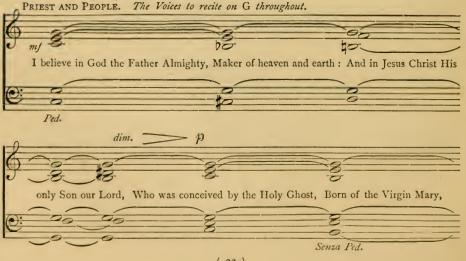




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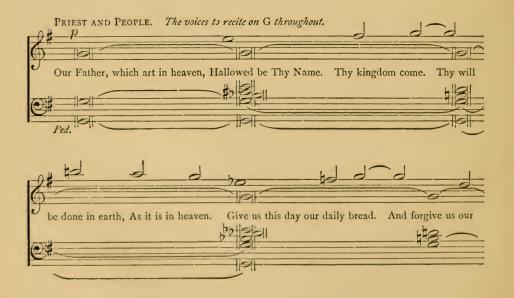


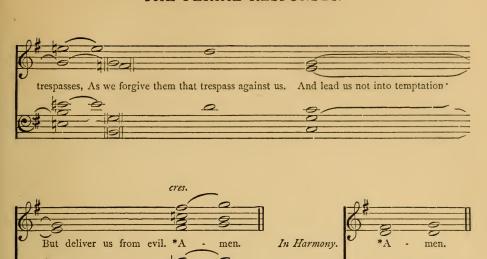




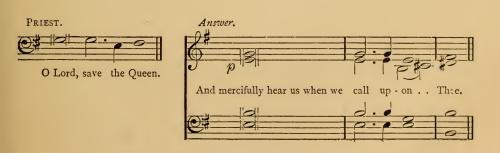
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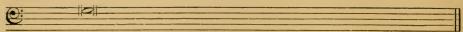
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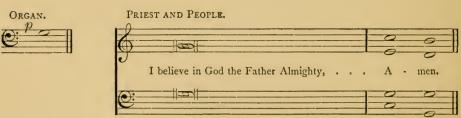


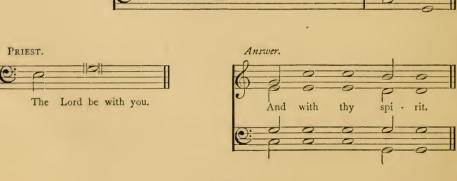
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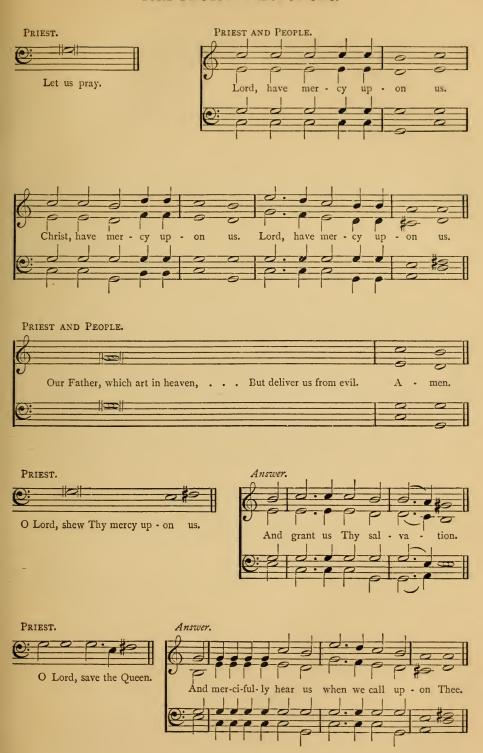


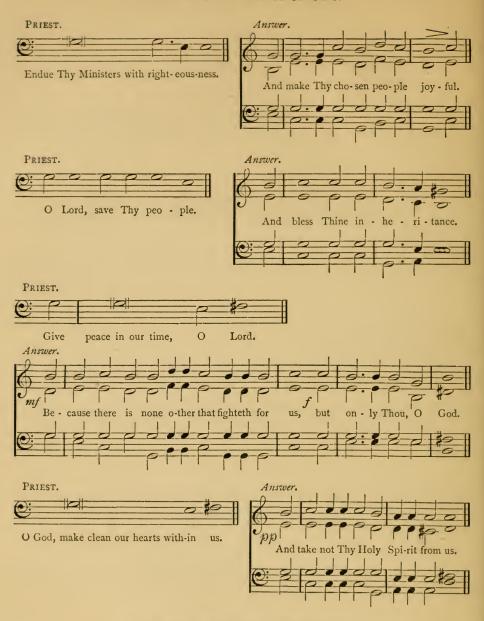


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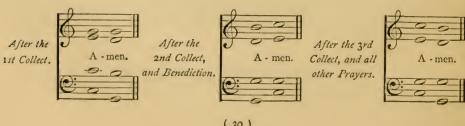






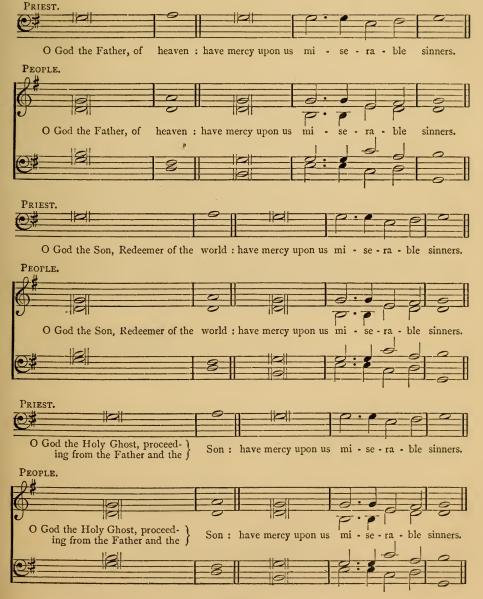


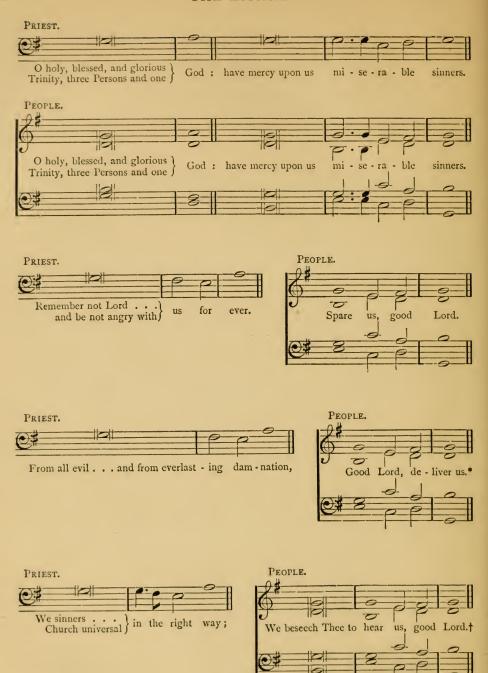
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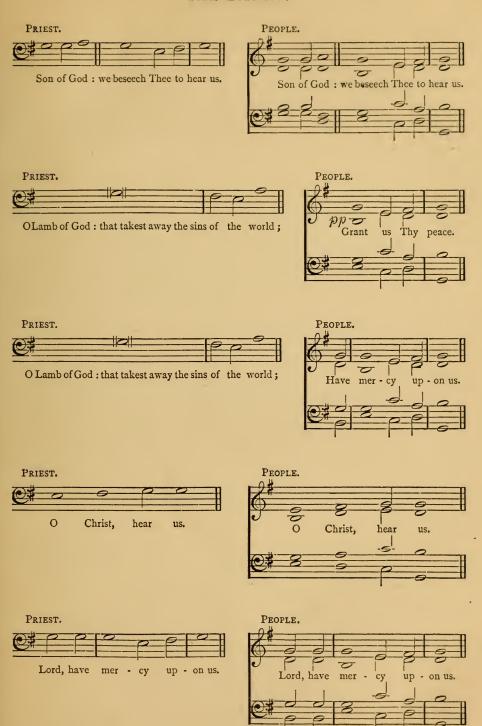
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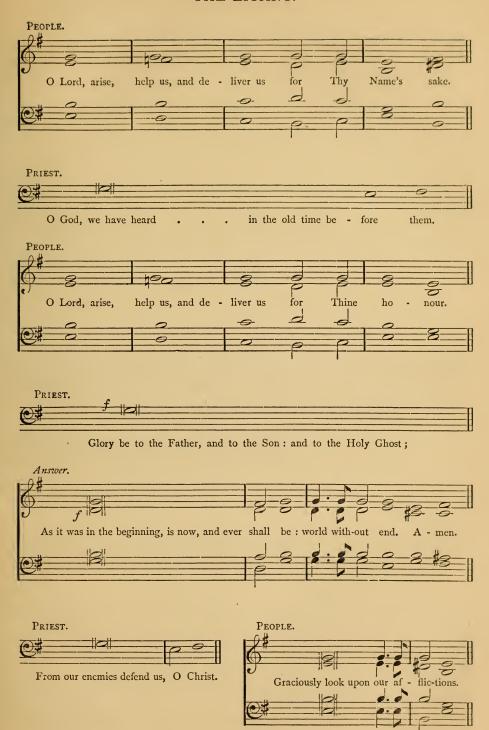




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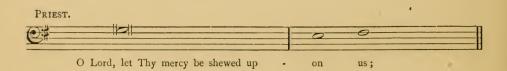














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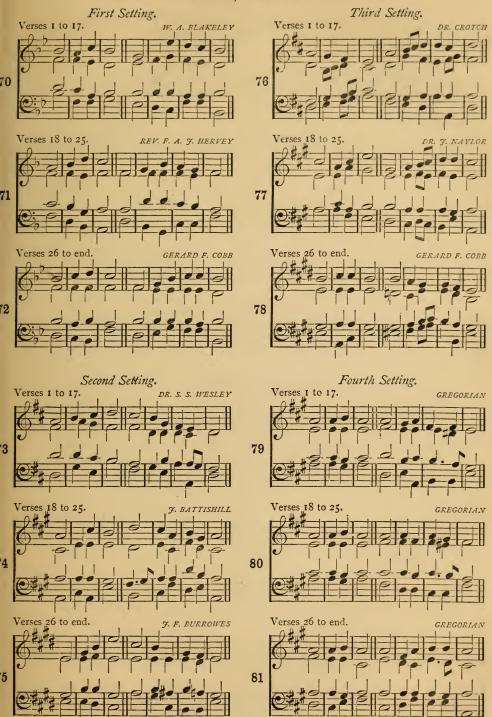


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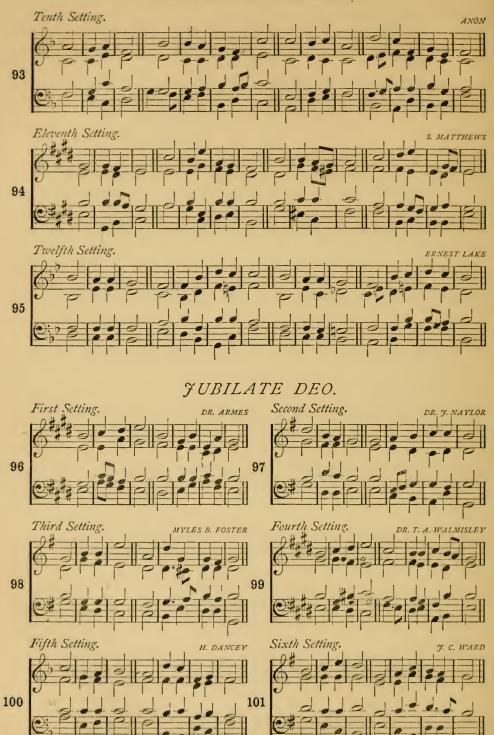
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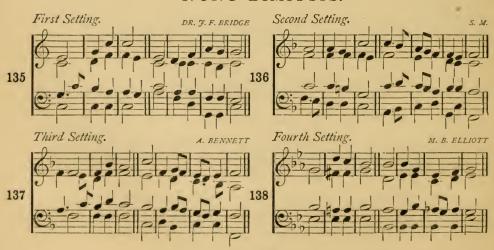
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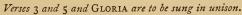
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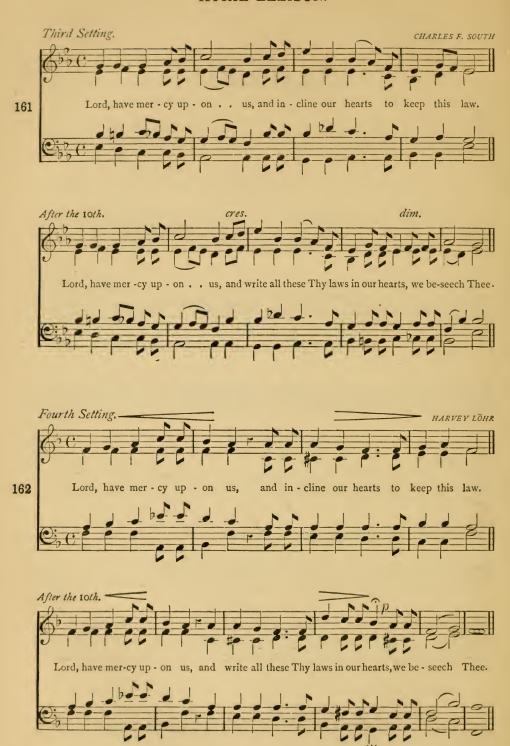


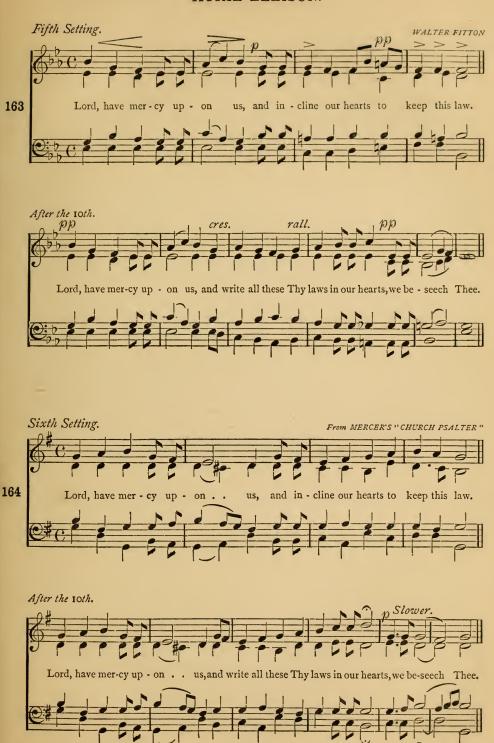


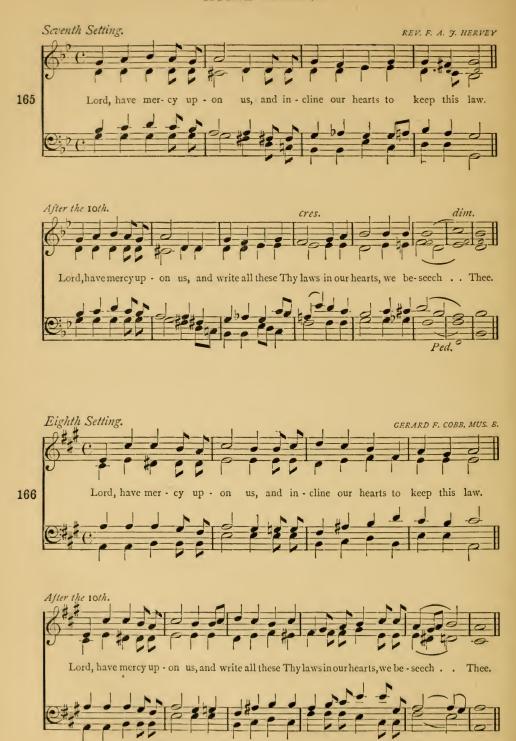
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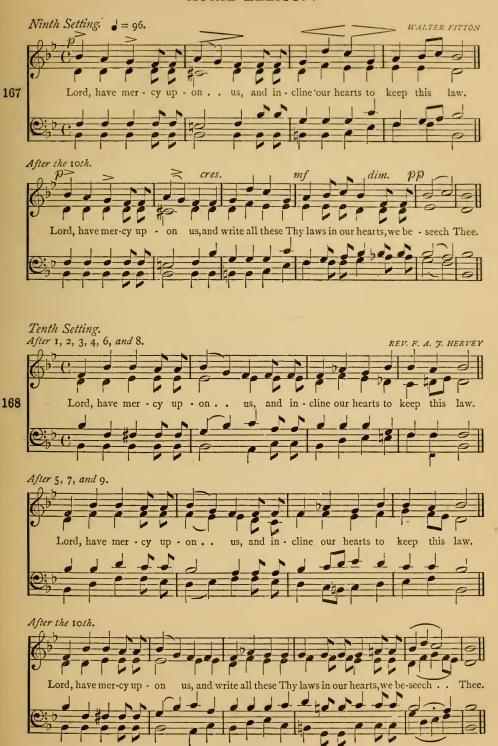


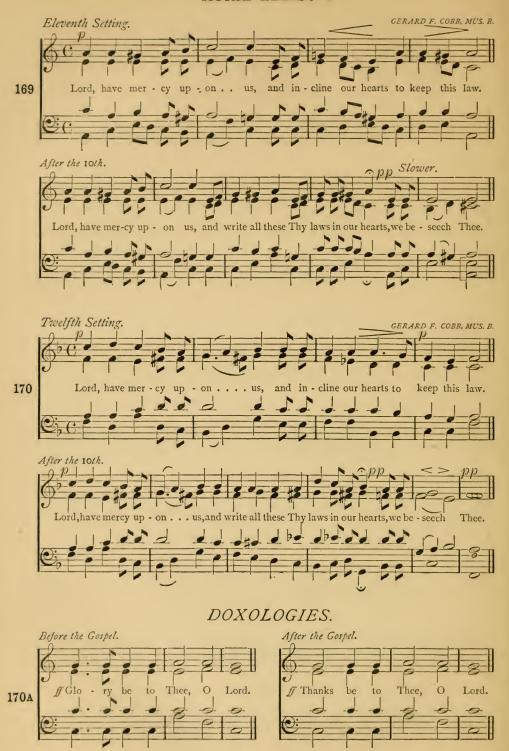










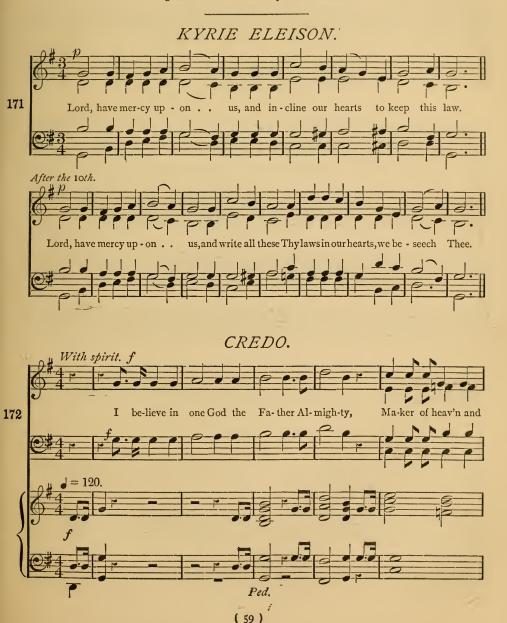


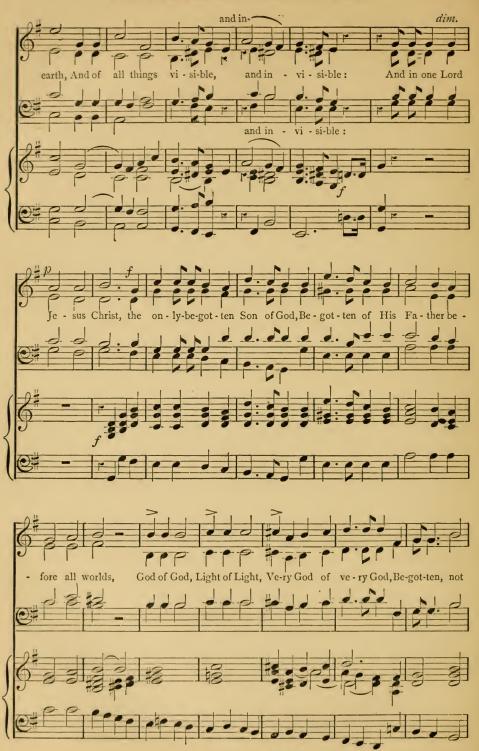
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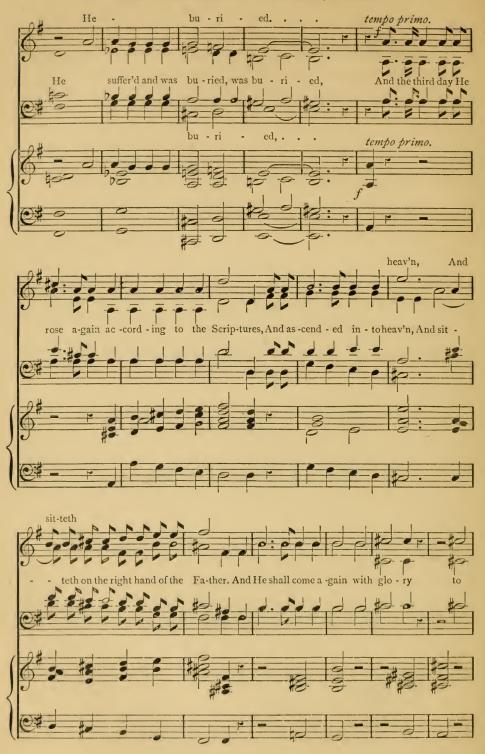
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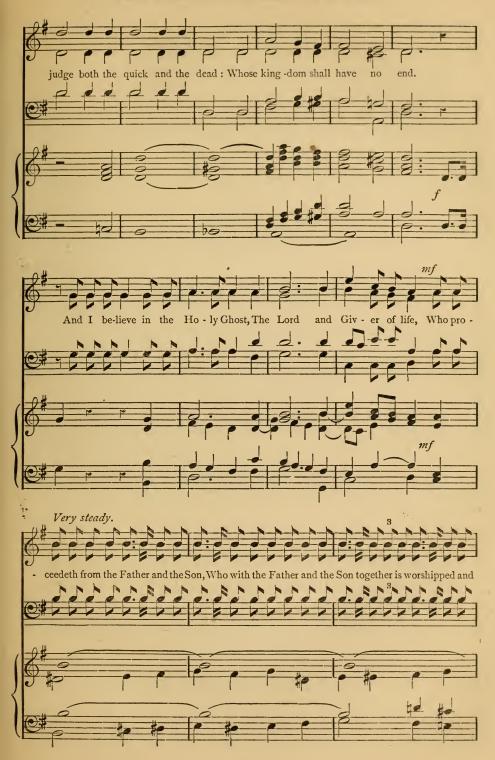
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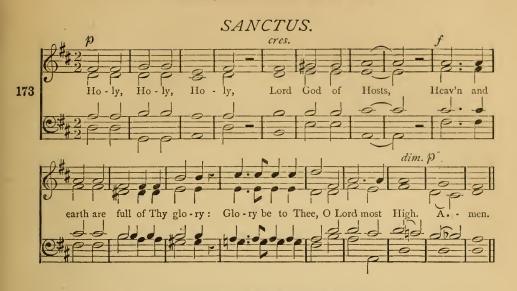




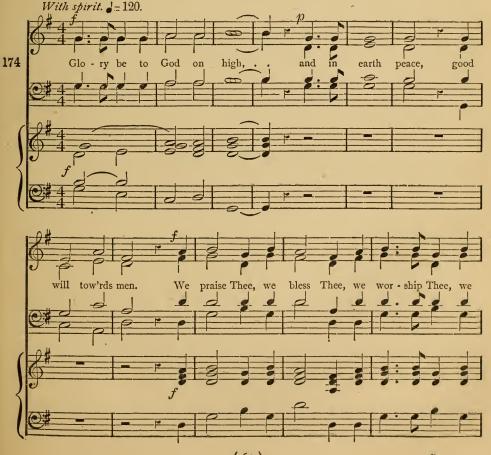


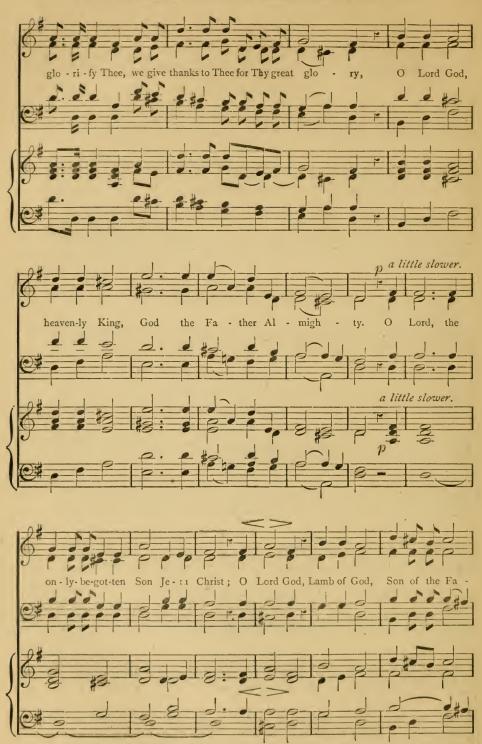


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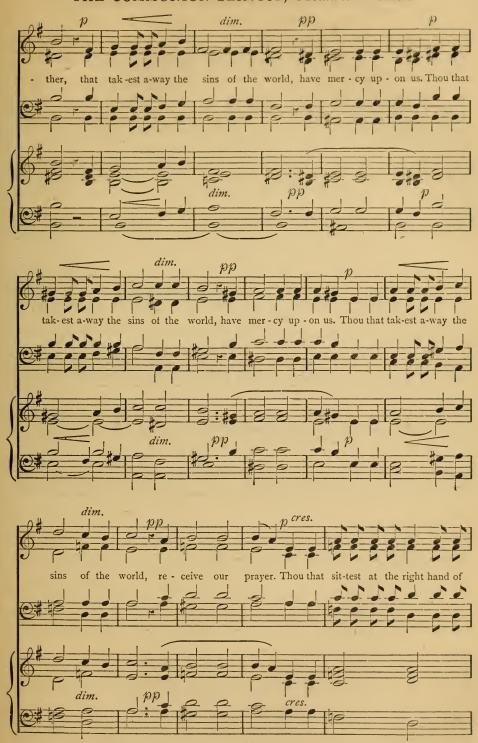


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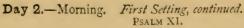


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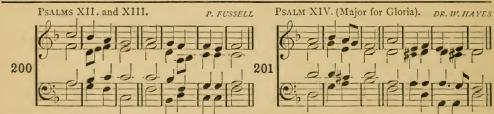




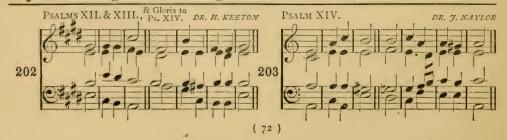
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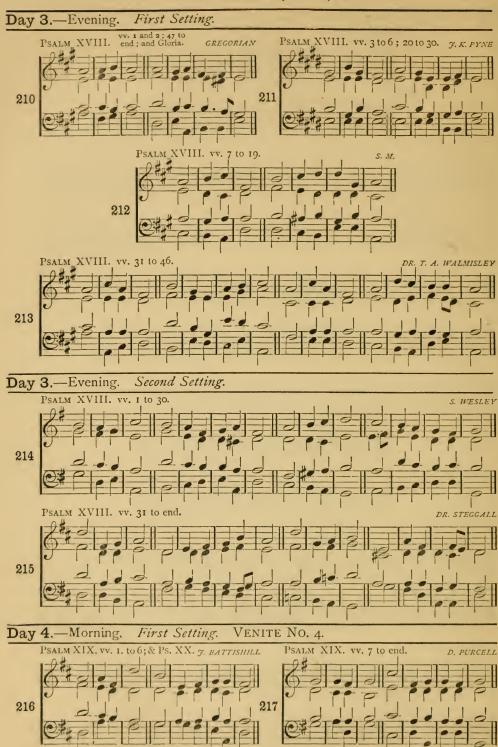
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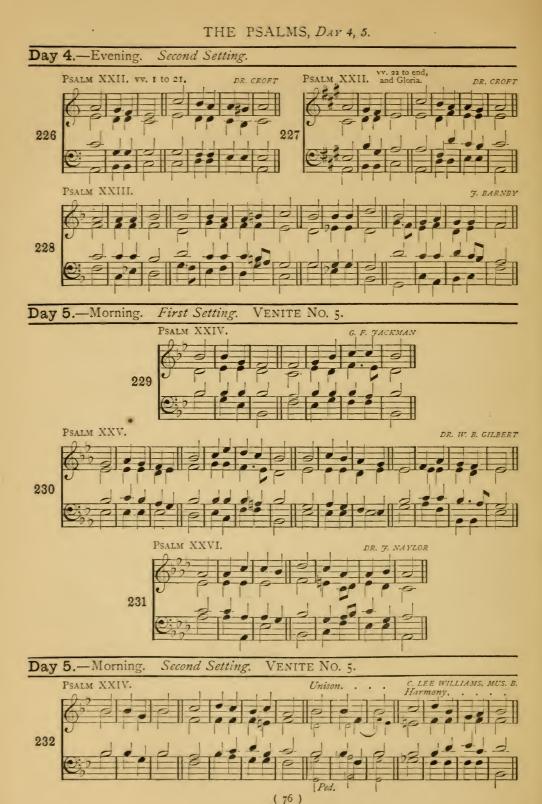






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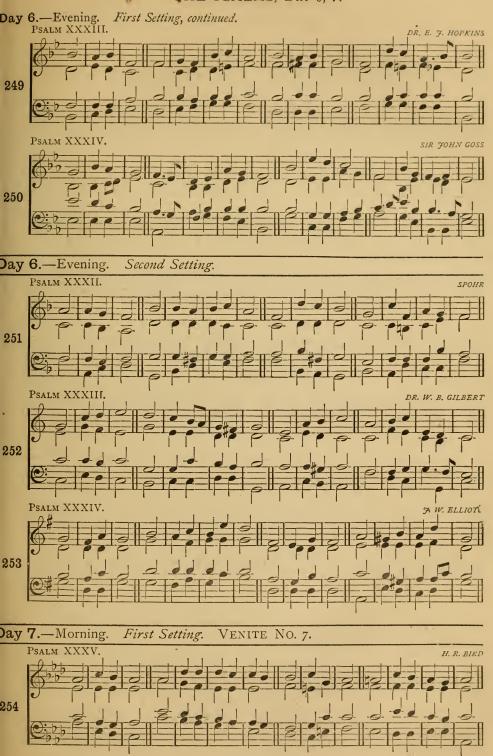


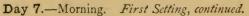


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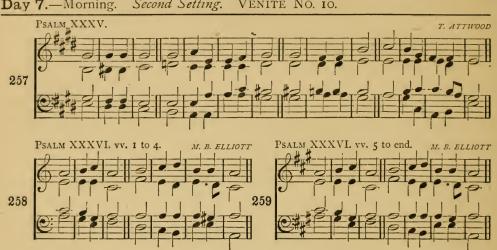
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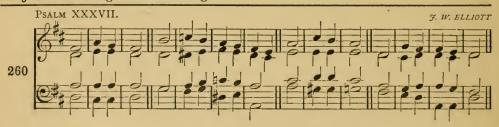




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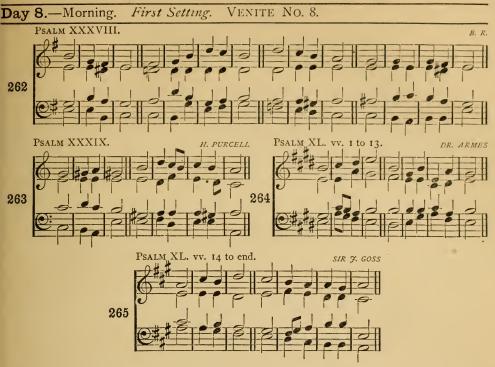


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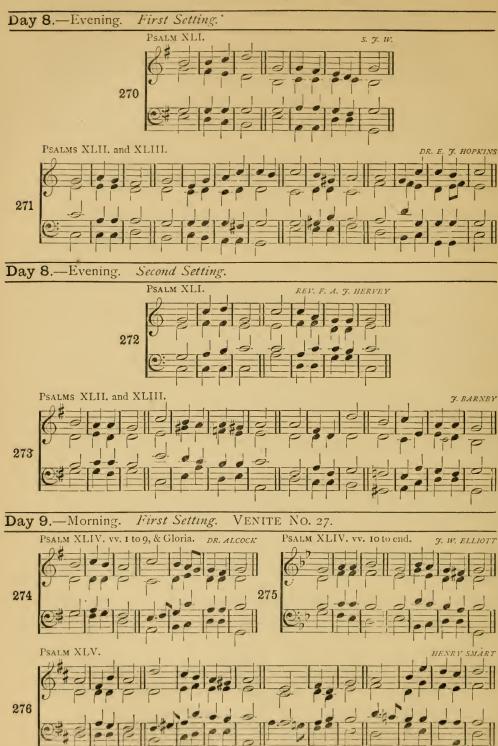


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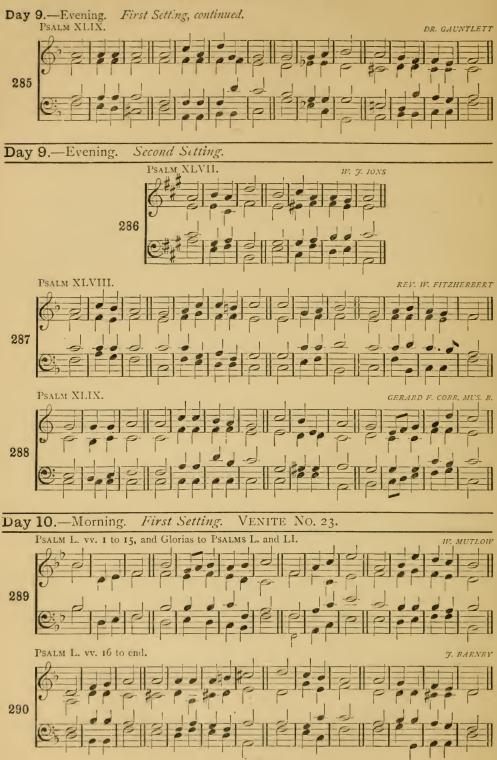
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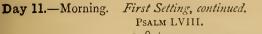
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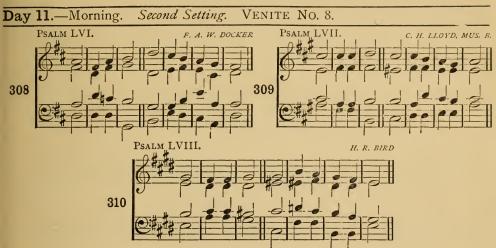


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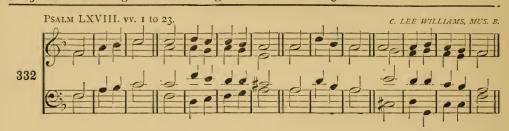
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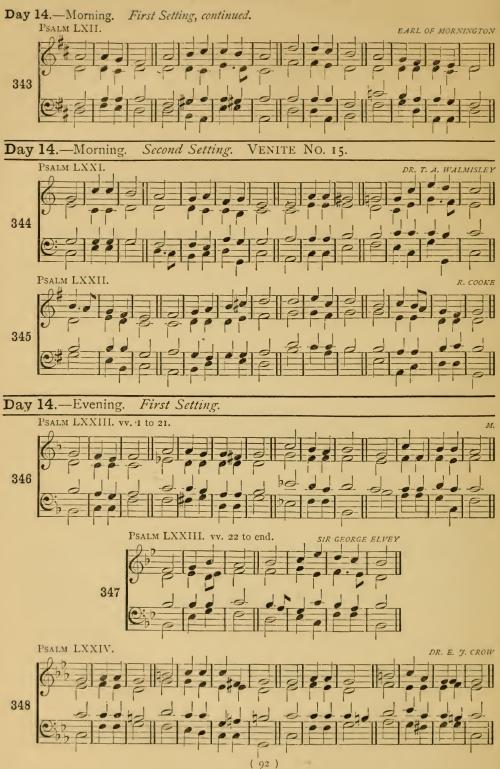
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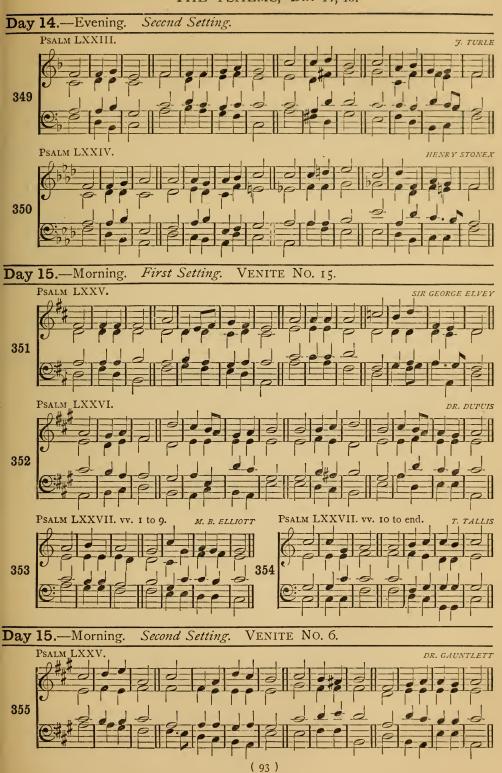






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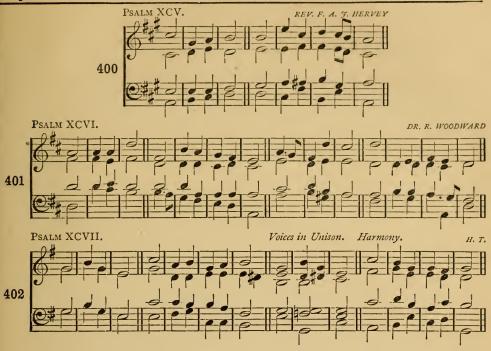




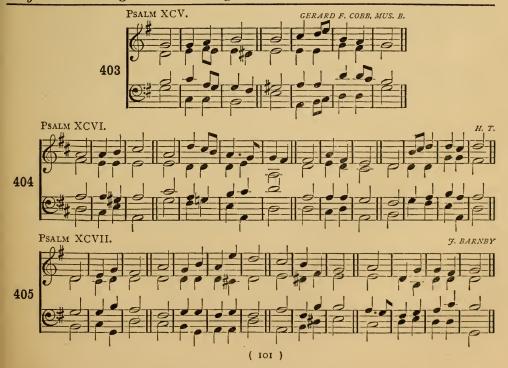


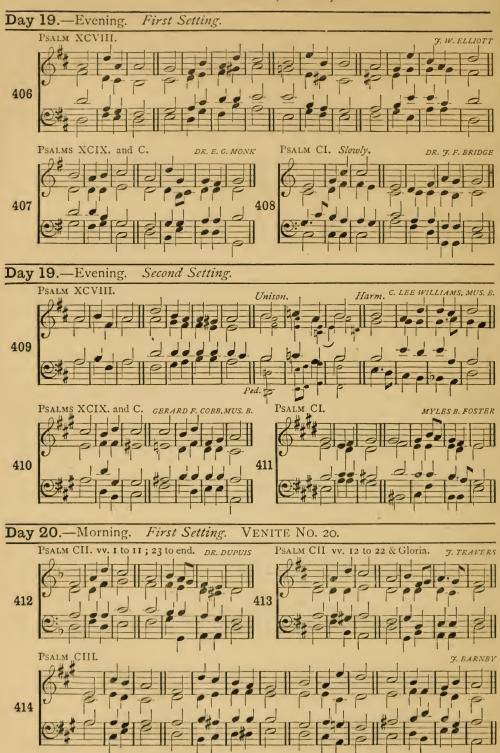


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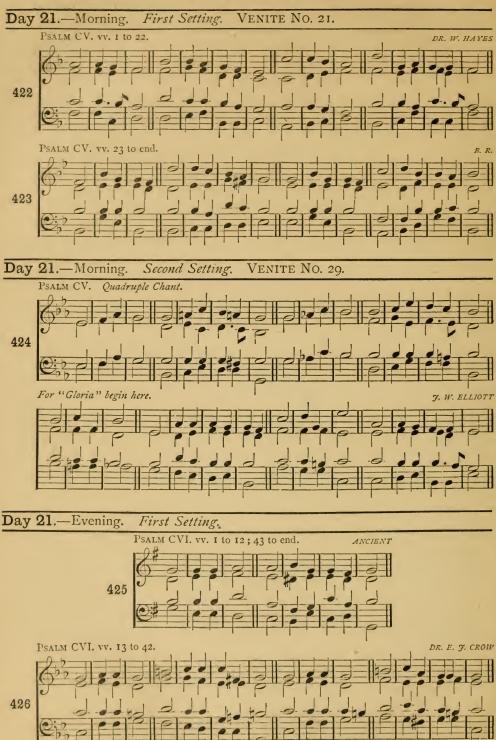
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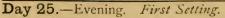


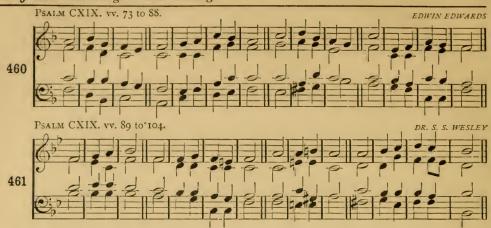




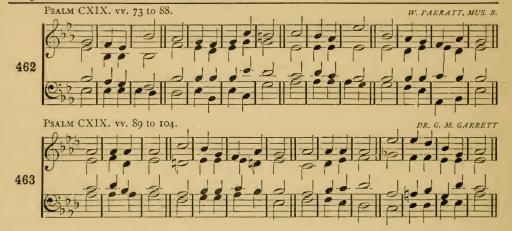








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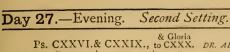
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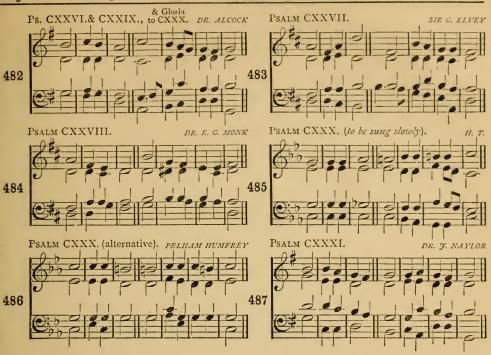


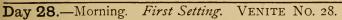




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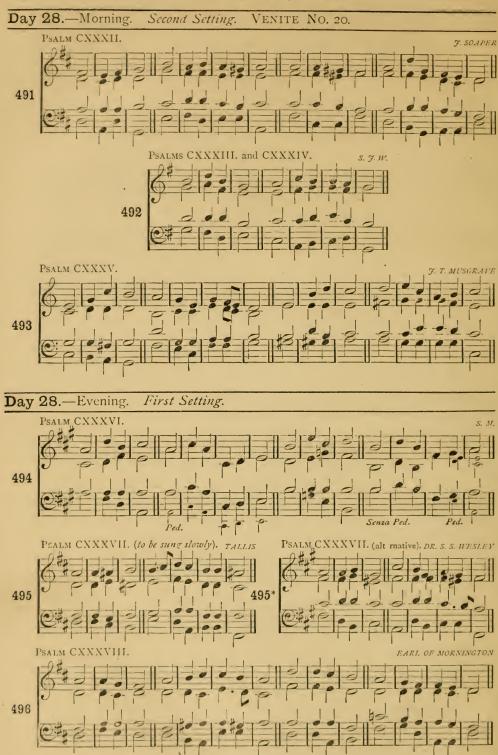




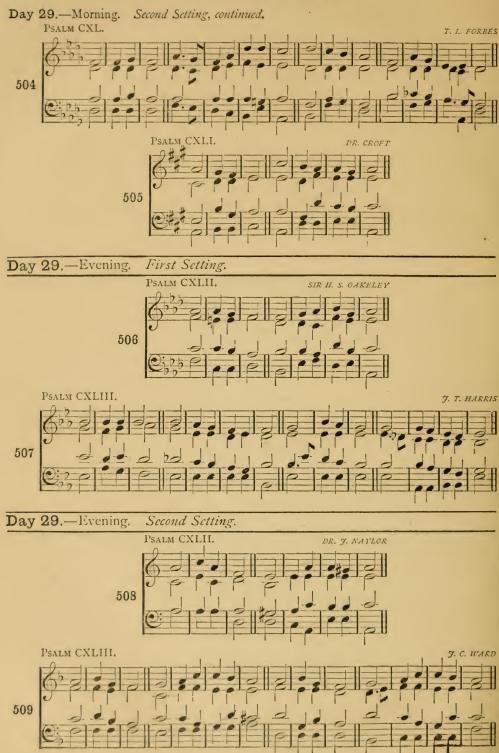




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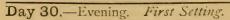


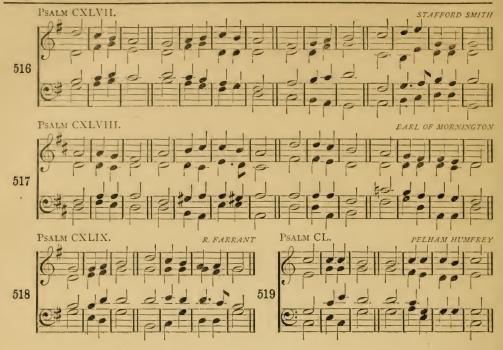


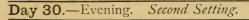


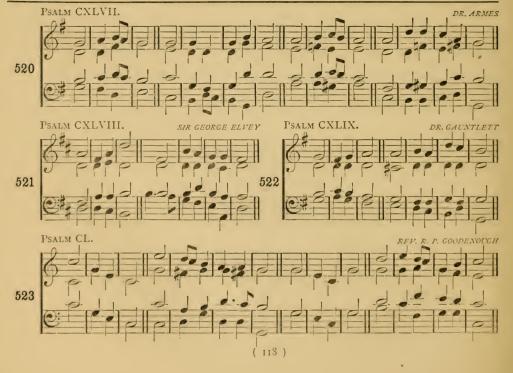
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Ash Wednesday.—Morning. VENITE No. 3.





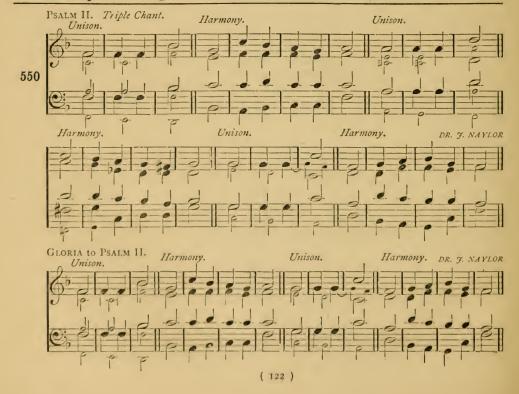




Good Friday.—Evening.



Easter Day.—Morning. Easter Anthem No. 31 or 32.



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Ascension Day.—Evening.



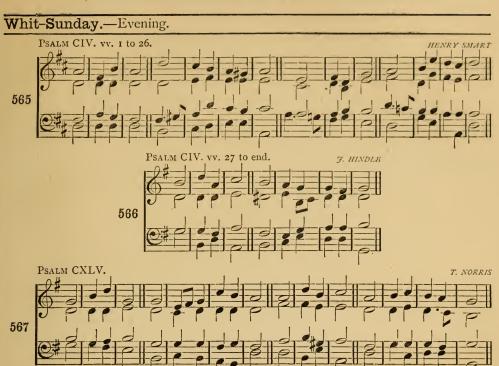


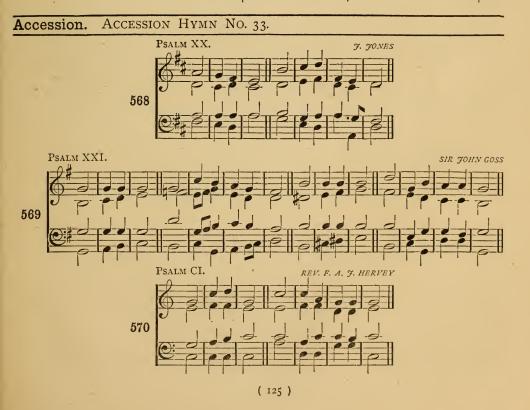
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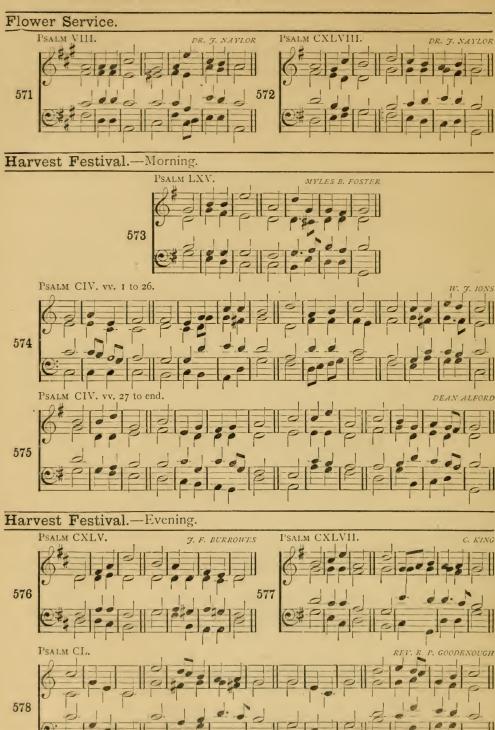












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